VERDUN OF ALTON, STAFFS
VERDUN OF DARLASTON IN STONE, STAFFS

ARMS:*Or fretty gules (*c1272) [VERDUN]

CREST:

VARIANT: VERDON

This Anglo-Norman family probably took their name from Verdun a fief in the par. of Vessey, Manche, cant. Pontorson. For fuller particulars see VCH Bucks III 227 and VCH Warwicks VI 276

Bertram Verdun c1065-....
b ? *son of Godfrey (Le Caplif) Comte de Verdun*
(by grant of the Crown, lord of Farnham Royal, Bucks) 1086
(Sheriff, Yorks) 1100 [LLHSY]
chn: Milo Verdun
William Verdun
Norman Verdun below

Norman Verdun c1105-....
m Lasceline Clinton dau of Geoffrey Clinton of Kenilworth, Warwicks c1090-p1131 QV
(living) 1130-53
(lord of Audley, ./2 Balterley, Stanley and Talk-on-the-Hill, all granted to Liulf Audley) a1154; [? (lord of Weobly)]
chn: Bertram Verdun below
[?] Nicholas Verdun (Abbot, Burton)
[?] Robert Verdun m Joan Bourton dau and heir of Henry Bourton
[?] Simon Verdun
[?] Alice Verdun m Ivo Pantulf c1120-..... QV

Bertram Verdun c1135-1192
m1 Matilda dau of Robert Ferrers 1st Earl of Derby c1080-1139 QV; (? but had no chn)
m2 Roesia ..... dau and heir of .... of Alton, Staffs; d 1215
d 1192 Joppa; i Acre
(lord of two manors in England) 1166
(as son of Norman, lord of Bouillon and Chavoy, in Normandy) 1166 [LOYD 109]
(Sheriff, Warwicks)
(Sheriff, Leics) 1170-84
(built Alton Castle) c1175 [PEVSNER]
(founded Croxden Abbey)
(joined the third Crusade)
chn: [?] William Verdun
Thomas Verdun b c1165 below
[?] Bertram Verdun
[?] Robert Verdun
[?] Walter Verdun (Constable, Bruges Castle)
Nicholas Verdun [5] b c1174 below
Henry Verdun [?6] b c1178 further below

Thomas Verdun c1165-....
[? m Eustachia Bassett dau of Gilbert Bassett]
(succeded by his brother Nicholas)

Nicholas Verdun of Alton, Staffs c1174-p1230
(lord of Alton); ? (lord of Croxden)
(had letters of protection whilst on military service in France) Apr-Oct 1230
chn: Rohese Verdun [heir] m (p4 Sep) 1225 Theobald Botiler c1200-1230 below: She (Foundress of Grace Dieu Monastery, Leics

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Theobald Botiler c1200-1230
*** THIS ENTRY REPEATED AT BOTILER
b c1200 *son of Theobald Walter ALIAS Botiler c1164-a1206 QV*
m1 Joan Marais dau of Geoffrey Marais (Justiciar [I.]; (sister and in her issue coheir of John Marais)
m2 (p4 Sep) 1225 Rohese Verdun dau and heir of Nicholas Verdun of Alton, Staffs c1174-.... QV; d a22 Feb 1246.7
d 19 Jul 1230 Poitou; i Arklow
(aged 6) 1206; (Lord Justice, Ireland) 1247 [CP]
chn: Theobald Botiler [1] b c1223; (aged 21+) 1244 see BOTILER EARL OF ORMOND [see CP II 448-9]
[2] John Botiler ALIAS Verdun [2] b c1226 [CP] below
Theobald Botiler ALIAS Verdun
Matilda Botiler ALIAS Verdun m John Fitz Alan de jure 6th Earl of Arundel c1220-1267 QV; m2 Richard Amundeville ....-p1286; d 27 Nov 1283

John Botiler ALIAS Verdun of Alton, Staffs c1226-1274
b c1226 [CP]
m1 a14 May 1244 Margaret OR Margery Lacy 1st dau of Gilbert Lacy of Ewyas Lacy, Herefs ....-1230 QV; (coheir of her grandfather Walter Lacy "Lord of Meath" ....-a1241 QV); b c1228
m2 a1267 Eleanor .....; (living) 10 Jun 1278
d a17 OR 21 Oct 1274
(lord of Alton)
(had letters of protection whilst on military service in Gascony) May-Aug 1253
chn: Nicholas Verdun [1] b c1246; m Loughsewdy, Ireland: Basilia Cogan dau of John Cogan; (but had no chn): She d (a30 Dec) 1284: He (knighted) 1269; d before his father, killed 28 Jun 1271 Ireland; (of Ewyas Lacy Castle)
John Verdun [2] b c1247; (had no chn); (knighted) 1269; d before his father, killed 28 Jun 1271 Ireland; (lord of Weobly)
Theobald Verdun [3] b c1248; (aged 23) 1271; (aged 22-26) 1274 below
[?] Humphrey Verdun
[?] Agnes Verdun

Theobald Verdun 1st Baron Verdun c1248-1309
m a6 Nov 1276 Margery .....
d 24 Aug 1309 Alton; i 13 Oct 1309 Croxden Abbey; IPM .....
(lord of {Biddulph}, Bucknall and {Mucklestone})
(aged 23) 1271; (on an armorial roll) *c1272; (aged 22-26) 1274; (Constable, Ireland) c1274; (held {Biddulph}, Bucknall and {Mucklestone}, of the Crown) *1285; (on Carlaverock armorial roll) *Jul 1300; (summoned to parliament by writs directed "Theobaldo de Verdun" whereby he is held to have become BARON VERDUN) 1306; (on first Dunstable Tournament armorial roll) *1309
chn: John Verdun [1] b c1276; (had no chn); d *before his father* 13 Jun 1297 Ireland
Theobald Verdun [2] b 8 Sep 1278 [IPM] below
Nicholas Verdun
Miles Verdun
[?] Bartholomew Verdun

Theobald Verdun 2nd Baron Verdun 1278-1316
b 8 Sep 1278 [IPM]
m1 29 Jul 1302 Wigmore, Herefs: Matilda Mortimer dau of Edmund Mortimer 1st Baron Mortimer c1252-1304 QV; d after childbirth 17-8 Sep 1312 Alton; i 9 Oct 1312 Croxden Abbey
m2 4 Feb 1315.6 near Bristol: Elizabeth Clare dau of Gilbert Clare 6th Earl of Gloucester and Hertford ....-.... [..]; b 16 Sep 1295 Tewkesbury; m1 John Burgh c1290-1313 (2nd son and heir app. of Richard Burgh 2nd Earl of Ulster [I.] c1259-1326 [CP]; m3 (a3 May) 1317 Roger Damory 1st Baron Damory ....-1322 [..]; d 4 Nov 1360 aged 65; M.I. (St Mary, Ware); Will (Lambeth) 25 Sep 1355/3 Dec 1360
d 27 Jul 1316 Alton; i 19 Sep 1316 Croxden Abbey; IPM (Writ of Scire Facias) 3 May 1327 [83]; IPM (Division of estate) c1331-2 [389]; IPM (Writ of Certiori de Feodis) 8 Jun 1335

(lord of Alton, Balterley, {Biddulph} and 1/2 Bucknall)
(claimed overlordship of Norbury) 1316
(knighted by the King in Northumberland) 24 Jun 1298
(lord of Alton, Balterley, -/- Bucknall and -/- Ellastone) *1316

chn: Joan Verdun [1] [coheir] b 9 OR 11 Aug 1303 Wootton in Stanton Lacy, Salop; c Onibury, Salop; m1 28 Apr 1317 King's Chapel, Windsor Park: John Montagu c1300-1317 (1st son of William Montagu 2nd Baron Montagu c1275-1319 [CP]); m2 24 Feb 1317.8 Thomas Furnivalle "Baron Furnivalle" c1292-1339 QV; d 2 Oct 1334 aged 31 Alton; i 7-8 Jan 1334.5 Croxden Abbey
Elizabeth Verdun [2] [coheir] b c1306; m a11 Jun 1320 Bartholomew Burghersh 1st Baron Burghersh c1300-1355 QV; d 1 May 1360
Margery Verdun [3] [coheir] b and c 10 Aug 1310 Alton [POA]; m a20 Feb 1326.7 William Blount 1st Baron Blount c1305-1337 QV; POA (Stafford) 20 Feb 1326.7/10 Mar 1326.7 [86]; m2 a18 Oct 1339 Sir Mark Hussey Knight c1323-a1346 [CP] (1st son of Henry Hussey 2nd Baron Hussey c1302-1349 [CP]); m3 a10 Sep 1355 Sir John Crophill of Bonnington, Notts Knight c1311-1383 QV: She d a1377
[2] Isabella Verdun [4] [coheir] b posthumous and c 21 Mar 1316.7 Amesbury, Wilts [POA]; m a20 Feb 1330.1 Henry Ferrers 2nd Baron Ferrers of Groby c1303-1343 QV; POA (Wilts) 20 Feb 1330.1/22 Mar 1330.1 [395]; d during the pestilence 25 Jul 1349 aged 32; IPM 18 Aug 1349/4 Sep to 6 Oct 1349
Catherine Verdun [5] [coheir] d young a1327
[?] [?] Walter Verdun [illeg.] below

Walter Verdun of Crakemarsh, Staffs c1295-?1356
[d ?1356] [SHC 1913 292 no source quoted]
(held Crakemarsh for life of Sir John Stafford of Bramshall)
(as a Staffs Knight, summoned to attend the King at Westminster and on an armorial roll) *1324
(knighted) a1342
(M.P., Staffs) 1353 1354 1355

Sir Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1178-....
b c1178 *?6th son of Bertram Verdun c1135-1192 QV*
m a1199 Hawise 1st dau and coheir of Eugenulph Gresley of Levedale c1150-a1199 QV and
Aline dau and heir of Robert fitz Orme of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1130-.... QV); d a1226
(by right of his wife, lord of Levedale)
(with his wife, presented at Biddulph) c1199
(Coroner, Staffs) 1228
chn: Henry Verdun below

Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1203-....
(lord of Darlaston and Levedale)
(with others, held 1KF in Levedale) *1235/9
(lord of -/- Levedale, held of the barony of Stafford) *1255
chn: Henry Verdun below

Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1230-a1272
m Amice Pulesdon; (sister of Robert Pulesdon OR Sir Roger Pulesdon); (living) 1293
d a12 Nov 1272
(lord of Darlaston and Levedale)
chn: Henry Verdun b c1260; (under age) 1272 below
[?] Roger Verdun b e1262; (Rector, Biddulph) 1299-1300 [SHC 1909 10]
[?] Alexander Verdun b e1264; d 1322; (Rector, Biddulph) 1300-d [SHC 1909 10]

Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1260-a1334
m ? ..... Standon dau of Sir Robert Standon of Standon, Staffs Knight c1235-a1316 QV
d a1334

(lord of 2/3 Biddulph and Darlaston [? until settled on his son Vivian and his wife Joane]) a1272-1311

(under age, claimed in wardship by Geoffrey Gresley overlord of Swarthingcote) 1272;
(under age, claimed in wardship by Robert Standon overlord of Levedale) 1272
(with others, held 1KF in Levedale) *1285
(with 2 others, held Biddulph) *1285
(a witness to a perambulation of Kinver Forest) 14 Jun 1300 [JONES (1894) 28-9]
(presented his ?brother Alexander Verdun at Biddulph) 1300 [SHC 1909 10]
(living) 1333
chn: Vivian Verdun b c1290 below
[?] Roger Verdun b e1295; d 1341; (Rector, Biddulph) 1322-d [SHC 1909 10]

Vivian Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1290-a1340
m a1311 Joane dau and coheir=b of Sir Robert Tok of Anslow in Rolleston, Staffs c1270-1335 QV; b c1295; m2 Stephen Ireton of Ireton, Derbys c1290-a1349 QV
d a1340
(as son and heir, by ?marriage settlement, lord of Darlaston [? Biddulph] and 1/2 Bucknall) 1311-a1340
(lord of Darlaston) *1316
(lord of -/- Bucknall) *1316
(with his wife Joan, presented his ?brother Roger Verdun as Rector of Biddulph) 1322
(living) 1337 [see PFTPR 39]
(his wife Joan and her husband Stephen Ireton, present at Biddulph) 1341
chn: John Verdun b c1315 below

Sir John Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1315-a1383
m c1345 Eve ......
d 1382-3
(as son and heir, lord of Biddulph, Bucknall and Darlaston) a1340-a1388; (as son and heir of his mother, lord of Anslow) 1371-a1388
(M.P., Staffs) 1351 1369 1373 1376; (Commissioner of Array) 1351 1356 1380; (knighted) a1353; (presented at Biddulph) 1365 1371 1376 1382; (J.P., Staffs) 1377-d; (a knight, Staffs) *1377-82; (Sheriff, Staffs) 1373-4 1379-80
chn: Ermintrude Verdun [coheir] m Ralph Houton of Aston in Stone, Staffs c1330-.... QV
Jane Verdun [coheir] m John Whitmore of Whitmore, Staffs c1330-a1385 QV; (inherited the remainder)

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